Year 2026 Summer Term 1 Overview

Welcome

This term our learning will focus on **Traditional Tales** & **Minibeasts**.

Mathematics

As mathematicians we will be, counting beyond 10, recognise and understanding teen numbers to 20 and matching quantities to numerals. Children will also add and subtract small amounts, use practical resources to solve problems and talk about what happens when amounts change. Children will deepen their understanding that numbers can be made in different ways by exploring part–whole relationships. Children will also be introduced to the concept of sharing and grouping.

Literacy

As budding writers, readers, listeners & speakers, we will continue to take part in daily phonic lessons continuing to learn new sounds and revisiting previously taught phonemes. We will extend our love of reading by exploring traditional tales & non-fiction books related to our topic. We will listen to a range of **Traditional Tales** and begin to predict what might happen next, join in with repeated phrases from familiar stories and develop comprehension skills through discussion. We will use our phonic knowledge to write sentences, and short stories using simple punctuation.

Topic

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

As citizens, we will continue to develop confidence when sharing ideas during carpet sessions, work collaboratively during group activities and continuous provision. We will take turns and share resources during games and outdoor learning, build resilience when trying new challenges and talk about caring for living things and respecting nature.

Understanding the World & Technology

As learners, we will explore minibeast habitats, go on bug hunts in the outdoor area, learn about lifecycles (e.g. caterpillar to butterfly), observe changes in nature during the season and talk about caring for the environment. To develop our understanding of technology we will be using the interactive whiteboard drawing program and using programable toys (Beebots).

Expressive Arts and Design

As blossoming artists, we will be expanding our imaginations in our 'Minibeast and Traditional Tales' topic, through drawing & painting pictures, experimenting with mixing colours and investigating different textures, materials, and shapes. We will enhance our creative development by acting out Traditional Tales using role play and Singing songs about minibeasts.

Physical Development

As growing, healthy children, we will develop our awareness of space, play collaborative games, gain confidence and control of our gross and fine motor skills with large and small equipment and move our bodies in different ways. We will further develop our fine motor skills by using a correct pencil grip. We will take part in our weekly P.E lessons and use our outside area daily.

Home Learning

As parents/carers you can support your child this half term by reading regularly with them. You can also help your child to learn their red word list found in the front of their reading diary. An extension activity would be learning to spell these words and have a go at writing them in different sentences. You can practise the sounds (phonemes) your child is learning with support provided via the parent portal linked to our phonics scheme. http://parents.fft.org.uk/